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BUDGET COMMITTEE ADOPTS AMASH REFORMS

AMENDMENTS FOCUS ON TRANSPARENCY, ONE LIKELY TO COME TO HOUSE FLOOR THIS WEEK

Washington, D.C. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI), a member of the House Budget Committee, won passage of two reforms aimed at increasing the transparency of the federal budget process. The full House is scheduled to vote later this week on a bill that incorporates one of Amash's amendments.

Amash's first proposal requires federal agencies to post the justifications for their budget requests at a central location online. The justifications must be published in a format that allows watchdog groups to process the data easily. Amash's second proposal requires the Congressional Budget Office to disclose the economic models it uses when scoring bills.

"Americans have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent," said Amash. "For far too long, Washington has refused to engage the public by using new technology. As I've shown through my vote explanations on Facebook, the Internet makes it possible to create a more open and accessible government."

Amash has posted an explanation for every floor vote he has taken in Congress. More than 19,000 people follow his Facebook Page at <http://facebook.com/repjustinamash>.

Amash's first proposal amended H.R. 3581, the Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2011. His second proposal amended H.R. 3582, the Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2011, which is scheduled for a vote on the House floor later this week. Amash's amendments were adopted unanimously by the Budget Committee.

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